

Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program Verification Program

***Participation in the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program is reserved
exclusively for members of the Maine Bar.***

Name (as it will appear on the certificate):

Maine Bar No.:

Number of Pro Bono Hours:

Firm Name:

Address (where certificate will be mailed):

Phone Number:

E-mail:

I hereby certify that, between July 1st and June 30th of the preceding year, I have provided **50 or more pro bono hours** of qualifying **legal services**¹ as defined by the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct at 6.1(1) and (2) as follows: “Every lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide **legal services** to those unable to pay. In fulfilling this responsibility, the lawyer should provide **legal services** without fee or expectation of fee to (1) persons of limited means; or (2) charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters that are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means.”

Qualifying **legal services** may include matters where the client lost the ability to pay as the matter proceeded, provided that the lawyer continued the representation on a pro bono basis.

(Signature)

(Date)

This form may be submitted via e-mail to katahdin@courts.maine.gov or via regular mail to Cindy Brochu, Penobscot Judicial Center, 78 Exchange Street, Suite 350, Bangor, ME 04401-4913.

Deadline date for the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program is September 15.

ⁱ Examples of qualifying legal services would be:

- Limited or full representation of a person of limited means who seeks **legal services** on their own behalf from your office;
- Limited or full representation of a person of limited means who is referred by a legal aid provider;
- Limited or full representation of a person of limited means who is referred by a charitable, religious, civic, community, government or educational organization;
- Limited or full representation of a person of limited means at the request of a Court or government official;
- Service as a guardian *ad litem* appointed by the court in a legal proceeding for a family of limited means;
- The provision of law-related training of persons of limited means at the request of the Court or a charitable, religious, civic, community, government or educational organization;
- The provision of free training or mentoring to those who represent persons of limited means;
- The provision of legal information and/or limited representation services to persons of limited means through a courthouse or administrative forms clinic organized by the Court or a charitable, religious, civic, community, government or educational organization;
- The provision of legal information and/or limited representation services to persons of limited means over the telephone or via a computerized assistance program at the request of the Court or a charitable, religious, civic, community, government or educational organization;
- The creation of law-related self-help tools or legal information resources for the primary benefit of persons of limited means at the request of the Court or a charitable, religious, civic, community, government or educational organization; and/or
- The provision of legislative lobbying or administrative rulemaking that primarily benefits persons of limited means and which is provided through a charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental or educational association.